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Re: 5,300' Sand, Reservoir A
Amerada Hess Corporation (LLOG) – SL 16432 No. 1 Well
Main Pass Block 25 Field
Offshore Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana

Dear Commissioner Asproditis:

Application is hereby made on behalf of **AMERADA HESS CORPORATION** for the calling of a public hearing, after 10-days legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the 5,300' Sand, Reservoir A, in Main Pass Block 25 Field, Offshore Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana:

1. To recognize that the 5,300' Sand, Reservoir A, in the Main Pass Block 25 Field, Offshore Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, is a new reservoir and that the Amerada Hess Corporation (formerly LLOG) – SL 16432 No. 1 Well (Serial No. 223310) is a new discovery well for the 5,300' Sand, Reservoir A, pursuant to Part I-C of Chapter 6 of Subtitle II of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 (Act 2 of 1994 as amended).
2. To recognize that the subject reservoir underlies a single lease, and for that reason, compulsory unitization is not necessary.
3. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

The 5,300' Sand, Reservoir A, in the Main Pass Block 25 Field, is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing sand encountered between the depths of 6,131 feet and

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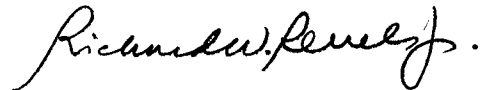
6,159 feet (electrical log measurements) in the Amerada Hess Corporation (formerly LLOG) – SL 16432 No. 1 Well, located in Offshore Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.

Pertinent data may be obtained AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY from Louis Gilbert & Associates, 3636 North Causeway Blvd., Ste. 204, Metairie, LA 70002-7216, Telephone Number 504/834-8112.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat and a list of the names and addresses of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties, and Interested Parties to whom a copy of this application is being sent. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, such list of parties is being furnished only to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation; however, the list of parties will be furnished by the undersigned to any party requesting a copy of it. A reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Interested Parties and Represented Parties.

Finally, enclosed is our check in the amount of \$700.00 made payable to the Office of Conservation and representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,



Richard W. Revels, Jr.

RWRjr/df
Attachments

cc: Richard Hudson
Lafayette District Office of Conservation

cc: Interested Owners, Represented Parties and
Interested Parties

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STATE LEASE 16432



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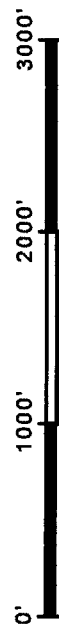
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AMEARADA HESS CORPORATION
U.S. ONSHORE EXPLORATION

MAIN PASS BLOCK 25 FIELD
PLAQUEMINES PARISH, LOUISIANA

Proposed Reservoir Limits Plat

5300' SAND, RESERVOIR A



LOUIS GILBERT & ASSOCIATES, INC.